

- *No Striker*

This is an individual who is not quarrelsome. He is not a violent person, or one who by reproachful and upbraiding language wounds the conscience of his fellow saints.

- *Not Greedy of Filthy Lucre*

This characteristic identifies a person who is not eager to gain financially or otherwise, if such gain degrades his moral character. Bishops must not seek that which would degrade or dishonor their moral character.

- *Patient*

A Bishop is someone who is mild, fair, equitable, appropriate, suitable, proper, lenient, yielding, and unassertive.

- *Not a Brawler*

A Bishop is someone who is peaceful, without, controversy, and is not disposed to fight, be contentious or quarrelsome.

- *Not Covetous*

The Greek word means a Bishop is not to be a lover of money. This does not mean one cannot like money. A lover of money is someone who looks to hoard it away and refers to that which is gained by extortion.

- *Must Rule His Own House Well*

A Bishop must preside over his own household morally and honestly. He must rule well as to manner and external character. This does not mean that a Bishop has control over adult children. Bishop candidates, “*What do those of your own house have to say about your character?*”

- *Holy*

Paul added this characteristic in his letter to Titus. To be holy is someone who readily accepts the obligations which arise from his covenant relationship to God.

These 15 characteristics/obligations are demanded of those who desire to be a Bishop. This does not mean a Bishop is someone who is perfect and has all of these operating continually in his life, but it does mean that you must continue to address and fine tune them in your life.